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SUBJ: USG REPRESENTATION AT SPRING 1975 CANTON FAIR:
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INVIEW OF THE TONE OF HSIEH'S PREPARED STATEMENT,
BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD MAINTAIN FORTHRIGHT AND ACCURATE
PUBLIC POSITION, NAMELY THAT PRC DECLINED TO GIVE REASON FOR
REFUSING VISAS. MERELY SAYING THAT WE DO NOT KNOW THE
REASON MAKES IT SOUND AS IF WERE WERE CONCEALING SOMETHING
(ALWAYS A SUSPICION IN HONG KONG CORRESPONDENTS' MINDS) AND
MAKES US LOOK TOO WEAK. THEREFORE, WOULD LIKE TO REVISE
GUIDANCE AS FOLLOWS:

Q: IS IT TRUE THAT THE CHINESE HAVE DENIED VISAS TO THE
OFFICERS AT THE AMERICAN CONSULAT GENERAL AT HONG
KONG WHO HAD PLANNED TO ATTEND THE CHINESE EXPORT COMMODITIES
FAIR AT CANTON?

A: OFFICERS AT OUR LIAISON OFFICE IN PEKING WILL BE AT THE
FAIR, HOWEVER VISAS FOR TWO OFFICERS FROM HONG KONG TO
ATTEND THE FAIR WERE REFUSED. THE CHINESE DECLINED TO
GIVE A REASON. WE REGRET CHINESE DECISION BECAUSE CONGEN
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OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE WOULD BEEN HELPFUL IN OUR
MUTUAL EFFORTS TO EXPAND TRADE.
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